

Council Meeting of
September 28, 2010

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Approve the purchase and presentation of an annual, Disaster Council disaster preparedness award. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$200.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Disaster Council that City Council approve the purchase and presentation of an annual emergency preparedness award plaque for a person, business, church, neighborhood or school in recognition of disaster preparedness.

FUNDING

Funds are available from the Disaster Council Annual Budget.

BACKGROUND

Disaster preparedness is an extremely important element in the City's overall emergency plan. With that in mind, at its August 25, 2010 meeting, the City's Disaster Council unanimously decided to set up an emergency preparedness award program to recognize Torrance residents that exhibit an on-going commitment to emergency preparedness year round.

Should City Council approve this award program, the Disaster Council will produce an application form (to be approved by the Disaster Council) setting guidelines such as:

- Nominees must be Torrance residents of at least 13 years of age or older (minors must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian)
- Nominees must be able to present preparedness plans and supplies
- Nominees must have conducted at least two preparedness drills within the award year

The Disaster Council will call for, and begin accepting, applications January 2011 and vote on the nominees at their June 2011 Disaster Council meeting. The first Disaster

Council Emergency Preparedness Award is scheduled for presentation at the September 2011 Disaster Council meeting (recognizing September as being National Preparedness Month). The award recipient will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU
Chief of Police



By Tracy Bonano
Emergency Services Coordinator

CONCUR:



John J. Neu
Chief of Police

LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager
for

Attachment A: Disaster Council Letter

September 1, 2010

To the Honorable Frank Scotto, Mayor, and the Members of the Torrance City Council:

The City of Torrance Disaster Council requests approval to award an annual disaster preparedness award plaque to the nominated person, business, church, neighborhood or school in recognition of disaster preparedness, which in effect betters the preparedness of the City of Torrance. The estimated cost of the plaque is not to exceed \$200 and the funds are available in the Disaster Council Budget.

At its August 25, 2010 meeting, the Disaster Council voted unanimously to set up the annual award program and committed to producing an application form following these general guidelines:

- Nominees must be Torrance residents of at least 13 years or older (minors must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian)
- Nominees must be able to present preparedness plans and supplies
- Nominees must have conducted at least two preparedness drills within the award year

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Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melvin Glass", written in a cursive style.

Melvin Glass
Disaster Council Chair